



## Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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### Free Guided Gallery Tours at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, Sept. 13, the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea will offer visitors free guided tours through the center's new gallery exhibit, "Put a Lid On It: Containers by Kentucky Artisans" and the lobby exhibit, "Kentucky Bourbon: Distillation and Inspiration."

"Put a Lid On It," features over 40 artists and includes works made from clay, wood, leather, glass beads, paper, felted wool, alabaster, old children's building blocks, stained and cast glass, sterling silver and recycled materials.

The lobby exhibit covers the history of Kentucky bourbon and production of this unique drink, with details showing the location of Kentucky distilleries with tours and products made from recycled bourbon barrels.

These free, guided exhibit tours will be led by Kentucky Artisan Center staff, who will talk about the exhibit, the artists and individual works. Staff will answer questions about the techniques and various processes used in the objects featured. This tour will be given at 11 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

In addition, on Sept. 13, studio potter Melvin Rowe will demonstrate handbuilding with clay from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rowe will be using press and sprig molds to attach decorative imagery to his ceramic mugs and sculptures.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea, Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with the cafe open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 700 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. For more information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center](http://www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center), or go to the center's website at [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov).

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**Photos left to right:** "Flip House" by Wendy Currier; "Segmented Vessel" by Robin Costelle; "Earth and Fire Urn # 2" by Linda Fifield; "Birds on a Wire" by Philip Wiggs